



MARITIME SECURITY CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
"Working Together for Maritime Security"

MARITIME SECURITY LAW COURSE

COMMEMORATIVE BULLETIN





Maritime Security Centre of Excellence (MARSEC COE) conducted “Maritime Security Law Course” from 19 to 22 September 2023 with the contributions of distinguished instructors in their fields.

11 lecturers (from 8 countries) and 28 attendees (from 7 countries) were involved in the activity.

This course provided trainees with a comprehensive understanding of the legal aspects governing maritime security operations. The course consisted of a series of lectures and syndicate sessions, each lasting from 40 to 80 minutes in 4 days.



Key Lectures, Performance Objectives, and Achievements

◆ Introduction to Maritime Security Operations

Cdr. Francisco CAVACO - MARSEC COE Maritime Situational Awareness Staff Officer



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Gaining familiarity with MSO tasks, history, evolution, and key definitions.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees gained practical and theoretical familiarity with MSO, including NATO's seven MSO tasks.

◆ History and Sources of the International Law of the Sea inc. the UNCLOS

Prof. Dr. Tullio SCOVAZZI - Milano-Bicocca University, Italy



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Exploration of the historical development of the International Law of the Sea.
- ◆ Examination of the sources and principles underpinning this body of law, including the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS).



Achievements

- ◆ This lecture provided a deep understanding of the International Law of the Sea, including the UNCLOS, common heritage of mankind and its historical evolution.

◆ **Maritime Areas within National Jurisdiction**

Prof. Dr. Yücel ACER - Research Center of The Sea And Maritime Law (DEHUKAM), Türkiye



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Comprehending foundational principles of International Law of the Sea (UNCLOS 1982).
- ◆ Recognizing key maritime areas within and beyond national jurisdiction.
- ◆ Understanding states' jurisdiction in response to maritime security risks.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees attained expertise in UNCLOS principles regarding UMS specifically definitions..
- ◆ Recognized various maritime zones and their implications, and navigation rights.
- ◆ Identified the interaction between maritime law and related international law aspects.

◆ **Boarding at Sea**

Capt. (NLD N) Prof. Dr. Martin FINK - Netherlands Defense Academy (NLDA)



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Understanding the legal framework of boarding operations at sea.
- ◆ Proficiency in explaining hot pursuit and the right of visit.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees gained a strong grasp of maritime security law, particularly in the context of boarding at sea.
- ◆ They now possess the legal acumen and practical insights needed for successful maritime security operations.



◆ Transnational Organized Crime and Smuggling at Sea

LT. J. G. Inês Antunes SILVA - Portuguese Navy



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Definition of legal aspects related to transnational organized crime and smuggling at sea.
- ◆ Examination of human smuggling by sea, illegal substances, and arms smuggling by sea.
- ◆ Evaluation of international conventions applicable to prevent related crimes.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees successfully achieved a comprehensive understanding of the legal dimensions surrounding transnational organized crime and smuggling at sea.

◆ Terrorism at Sea and Weapons of Mass Destruction

Dr. Joanna SIEKIERA - Fellow at Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Future Warfare
(The US Marine Corps University)



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Understanding legal aspects of maritime terrorism.
- ◆ Differentiating piracy, armed robbery, and terrorism at sea.
- ◆ Exploring international obligations and states' roles.
- ◆ Examining maritime-related proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs) and their transportation by sea.
- ◆ Introduction to relevant international conventions.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees gained comprehensive knowledge in the areas of maritime terrorism and WMD proliferation.

◆ Legal Aspects of Piracy and Armed Robbery at Sea

Ass. Prof. Dr. Sofia GALANI - Panteion University, Greece



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Analysis of international conventions and legal aspects related to piracy and armed robbery at sea.
- ◆ Examination of modern piracy activities.
- ◆ Discussion of legal measures taken by states against piracy.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees gained valuable insights into the complex legal dimensions surrounding piracy and armed robbery at sea.

◆ Legal Aspects of Irregular Migration at Sea

Prof. Dr. Richard BARNES - University of Lincoln, United Kingdom



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Understanding the legal aspects of irregular migration at sea and its indirect impact on Maritime Security.
- ◆ Discussion of irregular migration routes (CLOS).
- ◆ Evaluation of measures taken by states against irregular migration at sea.
- ◆ Consideration of the human rights dimension of irregular migration.



Achievements

- ◆ During the lecture on the "Legal Aspects of Irregular Migration at Sea," trainees attained a deep understanding of the complex legal and security implications associated with irregular migration including Human Rights at Sea, Jurisdictional Issues, Search and Rescue, Disembarkation and Current Issues.

◆ Legal Aspects of Unmanned Systems at Maritime Security

MAJ. (ROU-N) Dr. Madalina PREDA - Romanian Navy



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Profound understanding of legal aspects related to unmanned systems in maritime security, with a focus on UNCLOS, COLREG, and international legal documents.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees became experts in legal aspects related to unmanned systems in maritime security.

◆ Legal Aspects of Cyber Security at Sea

Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lokman Burak ÇETİNKAYA - Fatih Sultan Mehmet Vakıf University, Türkiye



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Understanding legal aspects of maritime cyber security.
- ◆ Defining the legal framework for cybersecurity operations.
- ◆ Examining relevant international regulations.



Achievements

- Trainees gained essential knowledge in the areas of maritime cyber security including:
- ◆ Applicability of international law to cyber operations.
 - ◆ Intervention, use of force, armed attack.
 - ◆ The right of visit and cyber operations.

◆ Intelligence Gathering and Information Sharing at Sea

Ass. Prof. Dr. Bleda KURTDARCAN - Galatasaray University, Türkiye



Performance Objectives

- ◆ Understanding concepts and legal aspects of intelligence gathering and information sharing at sea.



Achievements

- ◆ Trainees gained essential knowledge in intelligence gathering and information sharing at sea.



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INSTRUCTORS

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 <p>Prof. Dr. Yücel ACER  Research Center of The Sea And Maritime Law (DEHUKAM) "MARITIME AREAS WITHIN NATIONAL JURISDICTION: MARITIME SOVEREIGNTY ZONES"</p>	 <p>CAPT. (NLD N) Prof. Dr. Martin FINK  Netherlands Defense Academy (NLDA) "BOARDING AT SEA"</p>
 <p>LT. J. G. (PRT N) Inês Antunes SILVA  PORTUGUESE NAVY "TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND SMUGGLING AT SEA"</p>	 <p>Dr. Joanna SIEKIERA  Fellow at Marine Corps University "TERRORISM AT SEA AND PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION"</p>
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Syndicate Sessions

- ◆ Throughout the course, two syndicate sessions were conducted, featuring 13 challenging vignettes.
- ◆ These sessions allowed trainees to apply their knowledge in practical scenarios, enhancing their problem-solving and decision-making skills in the complex field of maritime security law.
- ◆ The syndicate sessions were guided by experienced leaders with vast insights related to general international law and their respective areas of expertise:

Syndicate Leaders

Capt. (NLD N) Prof. Dr. Martin FINK

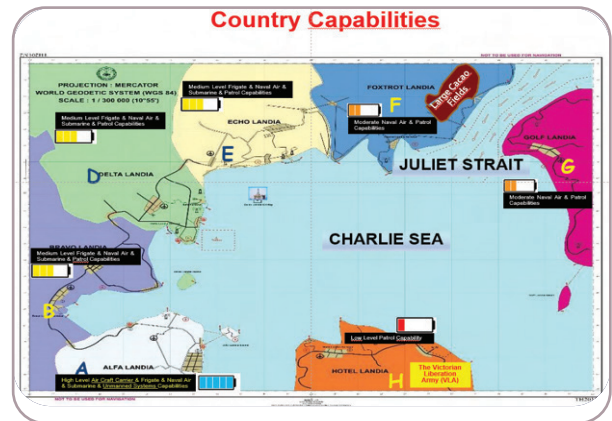
MAJ. (ROU-N) Dr. Madalina PREDA

LT. J. G. (OF-1) Inês Antunes SILVA

Ass. Prof. Dr. Sofia GALANI

Ass. Prof. Dr. Riza Bleda KURTDARCAN

These leaders provided invaluable guidance and mentorship, ensuring that trainees were well-prepared to address real-world challenges and make informed decisions in the maritime security domain.



COMMENTS FROM TRAINING AUDIENCE

What is your view regarding the subject of the course?



That course should be implemented on early stage of career of each officers.



It was quite new for me for whom deckling with the land domain of the law of armed conflict



Being part of the Navy SOF, most of times we are dealing with legacy of our missions, especially VBSS operations. So, this course gave me more clarity regarding Law applied before we are acting.



Topical of need, thoroughly explained.



Fills a gap.



Great presentations delivered, great perspectives and insight were exchanged.





COMMENTS FROM TRAINING AUDIENCE

Do you think the course objectives are reached at the end of the course?



Yes, the entire course program is teachable because all the subjects are central to our maritime security operations.



The Course content was comprehensive and highly relevant to the maritime security. It covered a wide range of topics including international laws and practices.



I think all of us learned too much and heard different point of view so objectives are reached.



COMMENTS FROM TRAINING AUDIENCE

What is the best thing about this course?



To meet with legal aspects for maritime issues and the personnel whom are working in these area and benefit from their area of expertise.



Syndicate scenarios was the best thing about the course swing to the theory and doctrine can be executed nearly real situations and practice this.



By having this course, not only I directly learn the issue but also I learned the ways to improve myself in future and I had a chance to meet the experts of the issues.



Syndicates were very good. To think other situations and hear other's view was interesting.





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